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SUBJ: TURKISH CYPRIOT THREATENING REACTIONS TO UNGA: UDI, RESUMPTION
OF TALKS, UNFICYP PRESENCE

1. IN THEIR FRUSTRATION AND ANGER OVER RESULTS OF CYPRUS
UNGA DEBATE, TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADERS ARE PAINTING THEMSELVES
INTO TROUBLESOME CORNERS. POTENTIALLY THE MOST WORRYING
OF THESE, OF COURSE, WAS UDI. DENKTASH STATEMENT IN ISTANBUL
AND ANKARA THAT "IT IS NOW TIME TO DECLARE OUR INDEPENDENCE
DAY" AND "WE CAN NO LONGER LIVE WITHOUT A STATE", ECHOED IN
NICOSIA BY TFSC VICE PRESIDENT OREK, WERE THE MOST ASSERTIVE
YET. THEY INITIALLY APPEARED TO US TO REPRESENT A DEGREE OF
COMMITMENT FROM WHICH IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO RETREAT. WE
WERE THEREFORE ENCOURAGED BY ELEKDAG STATEMENTS TO AMBASSADOR
MACOMBER (ANKARA 8647) AND MORE SO WHEN DENKTASH, FOLOWING
HIS NOVEMBER 24 CONVERSATIONS WITH DEMIREL AND ECEVIT, APPAR-
ENTLY BACKED OFF FOR YET ANOTHER WHILE. DEMIREL'S STATEMENT
FOLLOWING MEETING SEEMS TO CONFIRM THIS (FBIS TA241926).

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2. OTHER THEMES IN TURKISH CYPRIOT REACTION COULD STILL PROVE HARMFUL. DENKTASH HAS GONE ON RECORD AS SAYING THAT FOLLOWING UNGA ADOPTION OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION IT IS "NO LONGER POSSIBLE TO RESUME INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS....GREEK CYPRIOTS HAVE TAKEN A STEP WHICH WILL DELAY THE CHANCES OF SOLVING THE CYPRUS PROBLEM FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER YEAR" (FBIS TA221345Y). TURKISH AMBASSADOR IN NICOSIA OVER PAST WEEKEND ECHOED THIS IMPLIED THREAT ON RESUMPTION TELLING FRG AMBASSADOR IT WOULD BE "MONTHS" BEFORE TALKS COULD START AGAIN.

3. FOR GOOD MEASURE, DENKTASH HAS THROWN IN FURTHER IMPROBABLE PRECONDITION FOR RESUMPTION: REJECTION OF ENOSIS BY MAKARIOS.

4. ON ANOTHER FRONT, BOTH DENKTASH AND OEK HAVE SAID UNFICYP PRESENCE IN NORTHERN CYPRUS IS NO LONGER NECESSARY. ON NOVEMBER 22 OREK STATED THT TFSC WILL ASK FOR REMOVAL OF UNFICYP OBSERVATION POSTS IN NORTH. HE CHARGED THE PEACEKEEPING FORCE WITH INTELLIGENCE GATHERING FOR GREEKS. OREK SAID CONTINUATION OF UNFICYP OPERATION IN CYPRUS WOULD REQUIRE TFSC CONCURRENCE ON SAME BASIS AS GREEK CONCURRENCE IN 1964. THIS COULD HERALD TURKISH CYPRIOT EFFORT RADE-OFF OF AGREEMENT ON UNFICYP RENEWAL FOR GREATER DEGREE OF RECOGNITION AS AN EQUAL PARTY. TURKISH CYPRIOT ATTACKS ON UNFICYP ARE SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL.

5. OUR READING OF DENKTASH'S MOTIVATION IN REITERATING THREAT OF UDI, DESPITE HIS AWARENESS THAT GOT WOULD PROBABLY CONTINUE TO OPPOSE, IS ESSENTIALLY FRUSTRATION: FRUSTRATION WITH ANKARA FOR FAILURE TO DATE TO SUPPORT HIM IN MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATION AND UNDERCUTTING OF AGREE-MENTS (AS VIENNA III) TO WHICH HE HAS SUBSCRIBED; FRUSTRATION WITH HIS OWN COMMUNITY WHICH BLAMES HIM FOR ITS PRESENT ILLS BUT ALSO RESTRICTS HIS NEGOTIATING FREEDOM; FRUSTRATION ABOVE ALL WITH MAKARIOS WHO KEEPS SCORING THE POINTS INTERNATIONALLY. THERE IS ALSO, HOWEVER, A POSSIBLE ELEMENT OF TACTICAL MANEUVER VIS-A-VIS TURKEY IN THAT BY UPPING THE VERBAL STAKES

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ON UDI HE HOPED TO EXTRACT SOMETHING IN RETURN FOR AGREEING TO FURTHER DELAY. FINALLY, ASSUME DENKTASH'S STATEMENTS ARE IN CONSIDERABLE MEASURE A REFLECTION OF A NEED, HOPEFULLY TEMPORARY, TO SAVE FACE FOLLOWING UNGA DEBATE. WHATEVER THE MOTIVATIONAL MIX, WE THINK FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH HIM THAT DENKTASH IS EVER MORE ATTRACTED BY AND COMMITTED TO EVENTUAL UDI. IN THIS HE IS REFLECTING A GROWING, IF BY NO MEANS UNIVERSAL,

SENTIMENT IN HIS OWN COMMUNITY.
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